GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESERVATION IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reservation policy of the Government is being followed for the purpose of the employment in the private sector and jobs outsourced by Government and semi-Government Agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating in the norms currently being followed in this regard; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government for enacting a legislation making reservation mandatory for the private sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c): There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. However, as a part ofGovernment's dialogue with the industry, Group of Ministers constituted for the purpose metfive times and also held consultations with the representatives of Apex Industry Associations.To carry forward the process of dialogue, a Coordination Committee was constituted in October,2006 under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister.The Committee held twomeetings. The industry broadly accepts the desirability of affirmative action though it is opposed to the concept of reservation as prevailing in government.